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TAGS: SOPN (PARKER, AMBASSADOR)

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: REPORTED DEPARTURE OF
AMBASSADOR PARKER

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN PROVIDED WITH FOLLOWING GUIDANCE
AUGUST 28, BUT WAS NOT USED AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING AS
SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP:

Q. WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE SPATE
OF STORIES OUT OF BEIRUT THAT AMBASSADOR PARKER IS BEING
TRANSFERRED, THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FEELS HE HAS FAILED
IN HIS JOB, THAT THERE WILL BE A WHOLESALE TRANSFER OF
AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS NOW STATIONED IN BEIRUT?

A.--TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, LET ME POINT OUT THAT THE
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CONTINUE TO HAVE COMPLETE CON-
FIDENCE IN AMBASSADOR PARKER AND IN THE STAFF SERVING IN
THE BEIRUT EMBASSY. THEY ARE DOING A SPLENDID JOB IN
DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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--BEYOND THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THESE STORIES. CHRISTOPHER

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